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YUGOSLAVIA.

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1. THE PRESIDENT'S NOMINATION OF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
RICHARDSON AS ATTORNEY GENERAL FORECLOSES FURTHER CONSIDER-
ATION OF HIS VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA IN RESPONSE TO THE
INVITATION FROM GENERAL LJUBICIC. BY SEPARATE MESSAGE TO
USDAO BELGRADE, DEFENSE IS SENDING A SHORT NOTE OF REGRET
FOR DELIVERY TO GENERAL LJUBICIC.

2. WE PLAN TO CONTINUE PRESENT EFFORTS FOR FORWARD MOVE-
MENT IN EXCHANGE OF MILITARY CONTACTS. AFTER THE APPOINT-
MENT OF A NEW SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, WE WILL ONCE AGAIN
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WISH TO EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITY OF PLANNING A VISIT FOR HIM TO YUGOSLAVIA. WITH REGARD TO UNIFORMED MILITARY VISITS WE CONSIDER A YUGOSLAV VISIT TO THE US TO BE AN APPROPRIATE NEXT STEP. THE VISIT OF A YUGOSLAV AIRFORCE TEAM MENTIONED IN PARA 1 OF BELGRADE REFTEL IS ACCEPTABLE FOR PLANNING PURPOSES. A VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA BY A SENIOR US AIR FORCE OFFICER WOULD LIKELY BE THE NEXT SUCCEEDING STEP, SUBJECT TO THE TIMING OF ANY OTHER HIGH-LEVEL US DEFENSE VISIT.

3. DEFENSE CONCURS. ROGERS

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